

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 3, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Prepare our hearts for worship, O God. Help us put aside the troubles of yesterday and the fears of tomorrow. Make us aware of your loving presence with us both now and in the days to come. Amen.

PRELUDE "You Are My Hiding Place" and "A Shield About Me" Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

INTROIT "Sovereign Lord" Calvin Choir

WELCOME Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 103* Alison Neubauer

One: Praise the LORD, all that is within me; praise God's holy name.

All: **Praise the LORD and remember all his kindnesses: in forgiving our sins; in curing our diseases; in saving us from destruction; in surrounding us with love.**

One: The LORD is compassionate and merciful; very patient, and full of faithful love.

All: **Praise the LORD! Oh, all that is within me, praise the LORD.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #376, vv. 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Neil Trainer

God of our salvation, you say the prayers of the righteous are powerful, but we sometimes act as if you are indifferent, and so we fail to pray.

We doubt you are willing to forgive us, and so we persist in despair, far from you.

We are more wayward and stubborn than we realize, but you are more lavish and loyal than we imagine.

For the sake of your gracious name, O Lord, awaken us to your love once again.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY "All Creatures of Our God and King" #455, vv. 5-6

FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Jenny Strock

MISSIONAL MOMENT DOVE Cambodia

Lynn Ogata

OFFERING "Freely, Freely"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-17 NRSV

Alison Neubauer

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Bear with One Another"

Barry Baker

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus Took the Cup"

Calvin Choir

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & TOLLING OF THE BELL FOR THE SAINTS Jonna Reeder & Donna Miller-Parker

SONG OF SENDING "For All the Saints"

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE "Instruments of Your Peace"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*



Welcome Back, Neil!

// Thank you to Pastor Emily

Pastor Neil Trainer has returned from six weeks of renewal leave, refreshed and eager to re-enter congregational life. He is grateful for God’s grace and healing. Although he won’t be preaching today, he is on the schedule to preach from November 10th through Christmas Eve.

Pastor Emily Mitchell, who took on some extra responsibilities in Neil’s absence, will be out the office for the next ten days.

Congregational News

// Terman family is bereaved of family patriarch

Dick Terman, husband of Phyllis, and father of Calvin member Greg Terman, passed away peacefully this past Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at the age of 95. Dick had been active at Calvin since he and Phyllis moved to Cristwood Park in 2018. A memorial service has not yet been planned.

Please be praying for Phyllis, for Greg and Polly, and for the entire extended family as they grieve Dick’s passing.

Fear Not

// by Neil Trainer

For many, it’s the scariest day of the year – it’s not Halloween, but Election Day. Ads for candidates and issues play on fear. Pundits forecast disaster if you don’t vote for this candidate or if you do vote for that initiative.

Hear God say to you this week, “Fear not.” Remember, as we’ve learned through Colossians,

Christ is over all. No matter what the outcome this week, the Lord is before and above all rulers and authorities. We are held secure by our God whose perfect love drives out fear. We can trust that God is always in control and working for our good.

When the news threatens to overwhelm you, meditate on these Scriptures: John 14:27; Romans 8:14–17; Philippians 4:6–7; 2 Timothy 1:7; and 1 John 4:18. Pray that God would use your attitudes and actions before others as a witness to God’s faithfulness and sovereignty. The LORD says, “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God (Isaiah 41:10).”

Great Fun at Trunk or Treat

// Thank you to our volunteers!

The rain was light while setting up for Trunk or Treat, but once the event began it started pouring rain. That didn’t deter our visitors, though, and with the awnings people stayed mostly dry. We had 20 decorated trunks, loads of candy, and lots of fun! Thank you all!

Mission Focus on DOVE Cambodia

// Update during today’s service

Lynn Ogata, from DOVE Cambodia, joins us in the worship service today for our missional moment.

For many years, Calvin has had a rich and blessed relationship with DOVE, helping grow God’s kingdom among young people who live in a culture rife with trauma and hopelessness. Over the years, they have reached thousands of young people, and the last 10 years have been particularly fruitful.

As Calvin seeks to “reform our world” through international partnerships, Cambodia has been the location to which God has led us. It is worth your while to learn more and help expand the Khmer Action Team as we seek to uphold this mission partnership through communication, prayer, and advocacy.

Songs & S’mores

// Join us for treats and singing

Come enjoy s’mores and a sing-along on Saturday, November 16 from 4–5 pm in Calvin’s courtyard. Dress for the weather!



Happy Birthday!

- Linda Harrison..... Nov 06
- Randy Stime Nov 07
- Elinore Bisnett Nov 08
- Tim Purbaugh..... Nov 08
- Marilyn Wirtz..... Nov 08
- Jeffrey Miller Nov 10
- Jim Dickson..... Nov 12
- Jan Christopherson Nov 13
- Bjorn Juengel Nov 15
- Cathy Marinella Nov 15
- Steve Bain..... Nov 16



Upcoming Events

- Nominating Committee Meeting, 11:30 am..... Nov 10
- Messy Church, 5:30 pm..... Nov 13
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm... Nov 13
- Doris Eaker Svc, 1:30 pm .. Nov 16
- Songs & S’mores, 4 pm ... Nov 16
- Practical Help for Living and Dying Well, 11:30 am Nov 17
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm... Nov 20
- Get Connected New Members Class, 9 am Nov 23
- Thanksgiving Eve Service, Richmond Beach Lutheran Church, 7 pm Nov 27
- Mark Cook Memorial, Whidbey Island, 1 pm..... Nov 30